

TOWN OF ABINGDON HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW BOARD PRESERVATION PLAN MEETING TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2021 5:15 P.M. ARTHUR CAMPBELL ROOM, MUNICIPAL BUILDING

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT: MRS. BETSY WHITE

MR. MIKE OWENS

MRS. KRISTI HARTSHORN

MR. BYRUM GEISLER

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ABSENT: MR. MICHAEL WEAVER

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF: TYLER VENCILL, TOWN

ENGINEER, INTERIM ZONING

ADMINISTRATOR

JANICE DORNON, SECRETARY

DISCUSSION

- 1. Certificate of Appropriateness –Vickie Wampler; 102 Valley St. NW, Abingdon, VA 24210; owner. Application for Certificate of Appropriateness to construct small cottage or an addition, and replace the roof. Located at 102 Valley Street NW, Abingdon, VA 24210. Tax Map No. (012-1-51)
- 1. Mr. Tyler Vencill spoke on Ms. Vickie Wampler's behalf on the property located at 102 Valley St. NW. Ms. Wampler has asked the board to review her design and materials list to see if she needs additional information for the October 6th meeting.
- 2. Board advised that the cottage shingles would need to match the existing structure, color scheme to use Sherwin William's historic color palette. Additional information on the door style, window dimensions, and foundation information needed. Porch material should be consistent with the main structure porch materials. Porch post and window dimensions should be in proportion with the structure. Board is asking for architectural plans with dimensions, and a design that would fit into the existing surroundings.
- 3. Access from Plumb Alley is only allowable if the other driveway is blocked off.
- 4. To be placed on the October 6, 2021 HPRB meeting agenda.

2. Preservation Plan Discussion

- 1. Mr. Byrum Geisler gave a recap from the August 2, 2021, HPRB Preservation Plan Work Session:
 - 1. Prioritize what steps the HPRB needs to take.
 - 2. What HPRB can control, such as landscaping, murals, signs, political signs, etc.
 - 3. Educate citizens on what the HPRB is tasked with regulating. Hold meetings with local Realtors, and have a Historic District presence on the Town of Abingdon website. Promote Historic District expansion.
 - 4. Explain the Tax Abatement program benefits to citizens.
 - 5. Expansion of the existing Historic District, to match the State and Town Historic District footprint to include the following:
 - A. 300 Block of Main Street
 - B. Park Street
 - C. West Main Street
 - D. Bradley Street
 - E. Stonewall Heights
 - 6. Board decided that the first stage of the Historic District expansion should be from Church Street to Deadmore Street.
 - 7. Discussion the Historic District expansion at the October 6, 2021 HPRB Meeting, and prepare a resolution to send to the Town Council for consideration.

BUSINESS/MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Mrs. Betsy White stated some of her concerns about matters in the community.

- 1. Fence at 155 E. Main St, did the owners obtain permission to build a fence.
- 2. Enhance Plumb Alley into a walkable space.
- 3. Speed Limit on Plumb Alley, Mr. Mike Owens suggested having the Town Police do a study on speeding.
- 4. Large tractor-trailers on Main Street, is there an ordinance to curb this activity. Mr. Tyler Vencill explained that the Town could not restrict tractor-trailers on Main Street because it is a U.S. Highway.
- 5. Deter pickup trucks with loud mufflers.

Mr. Byrum Geisler suggested a resolution be sent to the Town Council on the expansion of the Historic District. HPRB Board would like to include the discussion of the Historic District on the October 6, 2021, HPRB agenda. Mr. Geisler asked Mr. Vencill to inform the intentions of the HPRB board about the expansion of the Historic District to the Town Manger.

ADJOURNMENT

Janice Dornon, Secretary

On a motion by Mrs. Hartshorn, seconded by Mr. Owens, recommending that the meeting adjourned with no further business to address.

The roll call vote was as follows:

MRS. BETSY WHITE MR. MIKE OWENS MRS. KRISTI HARTSHORN MR. BYRUM GEISLER

Adjourn Time: 6:58 P.M.

Byrum Geisler, Chairman